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#### This Amazing World

(By John Dexter).

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Roses may not grow on thorns, nor figs on this ties—as the poet reminds us. But waiters are firmly convinced that money grows on trays. Their air of expectant anticipation could connote nothing obse

Fellow of our acquaintance was interviewed recently about a friend of his who was applying for a position in the government. Winding up the long interrogation, the agent asked: "And do you consider bim well qualified for the job?"

"Depends. What's the job?"
"Sorry," said the man. "I'm not
at liberty to reveal that. Confidential, you know."—"Pathfinder".

Speaking of money reminds us of an admirable saying of Samuel Johnson's, "Marriages would in general", he declared, "he as happy, and often more so, if they were all made by the Lord Chancellor". Vision reaches a higher standa in man than in any other creature. The centre in the prefrontal area is enlarged, and the very minute movements of the eyes, as they follow the outline of an object, are so true that we get a perfectly clear and exact picture of every detail.

Innumerable myths and tales are interwoven with the beauty of the rainhow. The Greeks, for example, who translated the forces of Nature into figures of gods and goddesses, invented a special diety for the rainhow, Iris. a diety whose particular job was to form a connection between heaven and earth. Her name, by the way, has been preserved as part of the eye and in the word "iridescent", that is, showing rainhow colours.

Human beings are growing taller but they're still up to their necks in trouble,—"Chicago Sun-Times."

Vision reaches a higher standard "What is the difference between social life. Life in the open, wanuan than in any other creature, capital and labour?" Willie asked dering and hunting from day
centre in the preference his father and providing the control of t

"Well, son," his father answered,
"The money you lend represents
capital; getting it back represents
labour."—"Watchman-Examiner,"

Iris is the envoy-goddess female counterpart to Hermes and, like him, has wings upon her feet. The rainbow is her means of communication, for she glides along its are to deliver her messages. Homer, in his "Illad", calls her "the various goddess of the showery law".

After her visit to the United States last year, Storm Jameson, the famous English novelist, had this to say of New York:-"It is extraordinary thing, but New York has become for the world something more than a vity. stands for all that Europe once had. It stands for warmth and a rich physical life, for elegance and for the unexpected. magnificent generosity, for the future. Its charm and its astonishing energy begin with the people themselves, Skyscrapers spring from their restless, lively minds, like the fountains a child makes when he hits the water in play. They laugh easily. Their voices sing: 'Good-live, Come again'. It hovers on the edge of song."

Who would dare to say we are not becoming more splendidly humanitarian? Here's a typical case in point. When the British Parliament was asked to vote \$500,000 for European relief at the close of World War I, Chamberlain asked why poor old England should be the Mrs. Jellaby among the nations, and the matter was dropped forthwith. At the end of World War II, the same Parliament, without demur, voted \$150,000,000 as Britain's contribution to UNRRA.

It is said that man will work 8 hours for pay, 10 hours a day for a good boss, but 21 hours a day for a cause.—"Electrical World".

One of the greatest benefits fire conferred on primitive man was the stimulus it gave to family and dering and hunting from day to day, makes men unsoviable, but how readily people will collect round a sheltered fire on a chilly night. Even language must have received an important impetus. The iong dark nights and cold wintry days, when there was little to do but gather round the fire, encouraged conversation and the exchange of ideas.

It is recorded that British radar operators in the last war encountered serious difficulties with radio waves reflected by sea and shore birds, some of which were actually detected as far away as sixty miles. The chief offenders were large guils which, when flying alone off-shore near the surface of the water, on occasion produced an echo of the same strength as that of a fast-moving vessel at a greater distance. Indeed, on one occasion, they were responsible for an invasion alarm:

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In this era of plagues, it is small comfort to learn that Nature has actually produced one thousand different kinds of fleas. This, despite the fact that certain species of him are guilty of slaying munkind wholesale. It has been estimated, for example, that in India between 1896 and 1911. fleas were responsible for the deaths of seven million people.

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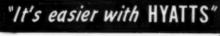
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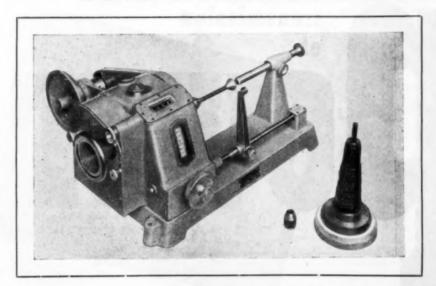
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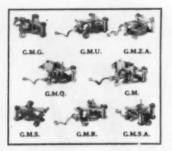
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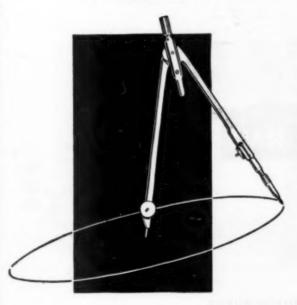
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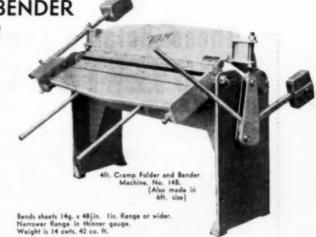
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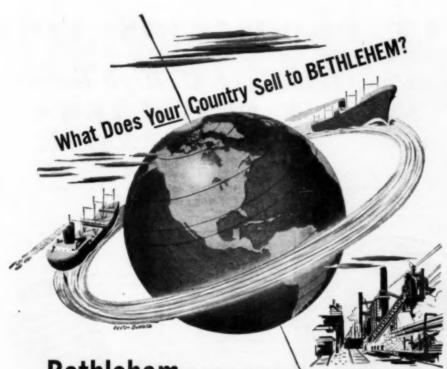


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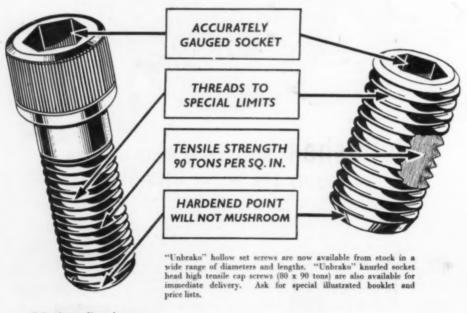
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#### Labour and Material Resources

#### Their Efficient Utilisation an Urgent Necessity

"The existence of danger points in the world and the grave deficiencies in Western Europe's defences impose on all the Democratic countries a sort of semi-wartime economy. We must aim at the highest measure of defence preparation consistent with the maximum needs of the country for increased production and increased development. Above all, it is elementary that we cannot put ourselves on a semi-wartime footing or make that measure of defence preparation we need, if we are going to waste our manpower or material resources. At present we are wasting both. . . . It is hard to believe that business and productive enterprise is as productive as it might be. All engaged have a duty to this country to put forward every possible effort for efficiency. I believe that nothing less than our best will do."—The Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, in his first Press interview on his recent return to Australia from abroad.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S call to national effort must meet with the same spirited response as ever has been given by Australia when danger even remotely threatened. Her people, that is to say, must think, act, work, and prepare in unity.

Primary consideration must be the most effective and the most efficient utilisation of her manpower and material resources. Any frittering away of either in to-day's special circumstances is tantamount to national suicide.

At the earliest possible moment, therefore, the Prime Minister must take both management and labour into his confidence, advising them of the course of action he proposes to pursue in the national interest, and inviting their co-operation in the implementation of the programme. In this great task he will need all the skill, all the far-sightedness, all the experience, and all the loyalty he can muster. Given these, he can face—and successfully execute—the grave tasks confronting him.

Unquestionably one of the most serious of the many serious problems calling for effective solution is the manpower shortage. This is a problem with which many of the great industrial nations abroad are to-day grappling. And it seems highly probable that its solution will demand from Australia, as it already has demanded from other nations, the adoption of unorthodox tactics.

It has been suggested, for example, that if Britain is to accelerate her defence production to a tempo commensurate with her urgent needs she may be forced to call on both her men and women pensioners. For without their services she may be unable to build her labour force up to its requisite strength.

Action of this character immediately raises the significant query: Can the nations of to-day afford to waste the productive capacity of men and women who, though no longer young, still have the capacity and the desire to continue an active working life? It was pointed out in the case of British workers that rising health standards have prolonged their working capacity. How infinitely more true is this of Australian workers enjoying as they do as high a living standard as the world has to offer and living under the sunny skies that spell health and vigour?

One thing is certain.

Australia carnot afford to lose, by retirement at 65, the executive ability of the men who have worked in many of her progressive enterprises and undertakings.

Means must be devised whereby this capacity for work can continue to be exercised in the interests of national development. It is a truism to assert that many men of 65 are frequently at the very peak of their achievements. They are rich in experience, in ideas, and in attainments. The majority of them, moreover, are not only willing, but extremely anxious to continue active participation in their special fields. And a way must be discovered of according to that desire.

True, precautionary action must be taken to ensure adequate openings for the younger mer within an organisation. Nothing must be done which would be likely to dampen their enthusiasm or set limits to their ambitions. This point, however, can be well taken care of and still permit an efficient utilisation of the valuable services capable of being rendered by the older experienced men.

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afford the extravagance of dispensing with the services of numbers of her most expert workers merely because they have reached an age which earlier generations had deemed ripe for retirement.

The Commonwealth's present-day need for the most scientific, the most thorough-going, and the most efficient utilisation of its manpower and material resources, calls for the scrapping of old ideas and old prejudices and the formulation of new plans adapted to the circumstances the conditions of this year of grace, 1951.

Will courage, vision, and wise leadership devise the new methods to meet the new needs?

### Pithy Jottings of Industry and Industrialists

#### GEO. KENT LTD. DIRECTOR TO VISIT AUSTRALIA.

Mr. Rodney Kent, a director of George Kent Ltd., Luton, Eng-land, and its Victorian subsidiary, is expected to arrive in Melbourne on 2nd April. He will visit his on 2nd April. He will visit his company; agents in the various States and New Zealand. . . . .

#### STEEL SHUTTERING EXPERT

On a short visit to Australia at the moment is Mr. S. T. Barnett, steel shuttering and form expert of Blaw Knox Ltd., London. Here to advise on shuttering problems generally, Mr. Barnett will be visgenerally, air. Barnett will be vis-ting New South Wales, Queens-land and Victoria, and may be contacted through the Blaw Knox agents for these States-Messrs. Norton, Tootill & Company Pty. Ltd., of Sydney, Wollongong, Brisbane and Melbourne.

#### ADELAIDE'S FIRST PLASTICS DISPLAY.

Use of plastics was greatly increasing the number of models for museum exhibition, a spokesman for the Adelaide Museum said at a display by the S.A. sec-tion of the Plastics Institute of

Australia recently.
The display, the first held in Adelaide, included plastic water piping, "corregated" plastic, which lets the light through, baths, wash troughs, and a plastic pump for pumping acids.

#### BUSINESS TRIPS ABROAD.

Mr. William H. Rickard. Managing Director of Jones & Rickard Pty. Ltd., electrical and mechanical engineers and specialists in dynamic balancing, of Elizabeth Street, Sydney, left on the "Orcades" this month on an 8 months' trip abroad on business and pleasure. He will visit the

United Kingdom, Sweden, Switzer-

land and United Standard America.

Mr. K. G. Healing, chairman of directors of A. G. Healing, Ltd., left by plane last month for a four months' business trip to America and England. He will have the developments in developments in study the latest developments in radio, electrical, cycle and automotive industries abroad.

#### VICTORIAN SALES MANAGER -LEWIS BERGER & SONS.

R. S. Searle has been ap Tasmanian sales manager of Lewis Berger and Sons (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., paint manufacturers,

Formerly Victorian sales manger for Berger's and the Rogers Paint and Varnish Co., Mr. Searle joined the Victorian Co. on his release from the R.A.F. in 1947. The appointment of Mr. Searle, who has had considerable experience in the paint industry both here and abroad, has been necessitated by the rapid growth of the company in the past few years.

#### CAPITAL ISSUES CONTROL.

The Federal Government an-nounced during the past week the type of industry to which it is prepared to give consent for new capital issues. These come under two main categories, designated by the National Security Resources Board "basic products" and "vital to defence", the first covering the metals, building materials, and mining industries, and the second including castings and forgings, power-generating equipment, rall-way rolling stock, tractors and certain types of engines, earthmoving equipment, motor and air-craft parts, tools and gauges of defence importance, chemicals and fertilisers, petrol, and selected

plastics.
This list is, of course, only

suggestive of the class of product deemed essential to defence preparedness. Industrialists are advised to secure from official sources full details of the lines

#### SILVERTON TRAMWAY MAN'S TRIP.

Mr. T. C Gun, general manager of the Silverton Tramway Company, left recently on the first stage of a trip to Britain to inspect railway systems. His duties will be taken over by Mr. duties will A. G. Phillips.

#### NEW FACTORY FOR DIE CASTERS LTD.

Die Casters Ltd. are erecting at Donvhle, Victoria, a new modern factory, major portion of the plant and equipment for which has already been purchased. This new plant has been designed chiefly handle the extrusion of plastic raw materials and to produce increasing quantities of DC equipment for spray irrigation. According to the directors, this DC system of spray irrigation has economic and labour-saving advantages over earlier systems, its merit resting on the use of

plastic piping, etc., greater economy and mobility and on a new type of spray-head which ensures marked economy in the distribution of water. Power used for the operation of the new system is claimed to be a mere fraction of the horse-power previously required. The organisa-tion is also developing plastic packaging coverings whose range extends from air-tight packs for aircraft nuts and bolts to large such as containers. chests and sheeting used home for packing foodstuffs for home refrigeration.

#### DIVERSION OF LABOUR FROM LUXURY TRADES.

The Premier of McDonald, announced recently that State methods of diverting labour and materials from luxury into essential industries by price control is engaging the attention of Prices authorities. "Manufacof Prices authorities. "Manufac-turers of luxury goods, sold at luxury prices," he said, "have greatly added to Australia's task of producing the necessities of life. These industries command fantastic prices for their goods. fore they can pay wages far be-yond the capacity of other indus-

#### POSITION WANTED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

New Zealander, 40, holding £2,000 p.a. executive post international Organisation, London, seeks administrative position from April, 1951. Pre-war in sports and printing businesses — post-war constructing and operating DP camps. Good organiser, wide general administrative experience, sound common sense, small capital, own car. Write 60: "ADMINISTRATIVE," c/s "The Australasian Manufacturer," Box 1687. G.P.O., Sydney.

tries, and particularly of primary The position has been producers. The position has been reached where the manufacturers of luxuries are trying to outbid each other for the labour avail-able." Industrialists will watch these developments with interest,

#### INDUSTRIALISTS INTER-ESTED IN AUSTRALIA.

Mr. Baron D. Snider, an Australian who has recently returned to his homeland after residing fifteen years in the United States. assured his fellow-countrymen on assured his tellow-control arrival that every American to-day is thinking of Australia in terms of some importance to the United States. "Increasing attention is being given by United States industrialists to expansion United in Australia, but there are many things Australia must do before such a course can be considered. The first is to abolish double taxation-a definite retarding factor to American thinking. The second is to establish a central single agency to give American industrialists all the answers to their questions."
Mr. Snider has returned to Mel-bourne to take up the post of Director of the Training Within Industry Programme for the Australian Institute of Management. For the answering of America's questions, Mr. Snider envisages a Commonwealth bureau, the offiall the appropriate departments so that a definite answer may be given to all business questions.

#### AIR-CONDITIONING OF FACTORIES.

What was tantamount to a plea or the air-conditioning of facfor the air-conditioning of fac-tories was made recently by Pro-Wright, fessor Wright, Professor of Physiology at the University of Melbourne. "The drop in factory Professor Melbourne. "The drop in factory production during heat waves is so great," he said, "that air-conditioning plants would quickly pay for themselvea." He went on to point out that experts have shown that factory workers produce most and are happlest in a temperature between 60 and 70 degrees. Small wonder, therefore, that production drops and tempers rise when the mercury soars close on the century. As I close on the century. As mgn temperatures are the order of the summer day in all the Australian capital cities and in many of the country areas where factories are functioning, the question of conditioning should receive earnest consideration by humane and efficient management.

#### TO MAKE LABOUR SAVING DEVICES.

A new factory is to be erected in Sydney by Acrow (Engineers) Ltd., who will make labour-saving devices for the building industry. The factory, which will employ about 200 workers, will commence production of materials, including formwork for cement foundations in about six months. Mr. J. Elliott, general manager of the company, is in Sydney to complete arrangements. Head office is at 33 Catherine Place, Buckingham Gate, London, 8.W.1.



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#### A Giant That Makes Bread Hygienically

Engineering Design of Immense Interest

A huge automatic bread-making machine, which recently made its appearance in a large bakery business in Melbourne, has attracted a good deal of attention from engineers, and other industrially interested neorde.

Although the chief interest in the machine is confined to bakers, biscuit manufacturers and allied trades, the design and purpose of

of Carlton, Victoria, The travelling oven has an over-all measurement of 59 ft. with a baking chamber measuring 50 ft. long and 7 ft. 6 ins. wide.

The object of the unit is to turn out large quantities of first quality bread of uniform quality as well as with speed and a minimum of human handling. In this respect much has been accomplished and



A 50 ft. x 7 ft. 6 in. baking chamber is a feature of this bread-making machine.

the mechanical process is of interest also to engineers, designers and draftsmen. So many novel and efficient features have been incorporated in it that it has provided a pivot of attention to those engaged in other industrial undertakings.

Its appearance comes at a time when public opinion has been exercised by efforts of both the Victorian and other State Governments and bread manufacturers to produce both a uniform loaf and bread of the highest protein content.

The machine was made by Small & Shattell Pty. Ltd., of 41 Johnston Street, Fitzroy, Victoria, for use by Owens & Dixon Pty. Ltd., bakers,

-the huge contrivance can turn out 11 tons of bread in one hour. By adjustment of a speed apparatus, baking time can be regulated from 20 minutes to more than an hour.

One tribute to the machine and its makers is that from the initial operation there has not been one burnt or spoiled loaf.

The basic principle behind the manufacture of the equipment was to eliminate the handling of dough as much as possible. This has been attained by an ingenious arrangement whereby an automatic elevator, empties the dough into a hopper, from where it passes through a divider and to the exit from the massive travelling oven. The plant embodies every known mechanical

device used in modern baking equipment. Only three times during its passage through the unit does an operator's hand touch the bread. After completion of the "proof", the dough passes first through to a final moulder from where a conveyor takes the loaves beneath a special oiling attachment which dispenses with greasing of tins. The loaves are then picked up by another conveyor to an elevated oven "room", preparatory to entering a second "proofer", Final moulding is done by a special machine which causes no deterioration of loaf texture. Special construction of the second "proofer' makes it suitable for working in conjunction with the travelling oven. It is fitted with a speed conat both the loading and unloading ends so the operator feed-ing the "proofer" can vary the speed to suit the supply of dough pieces or, the operator in charge of feeding the oven, can adjust the intake to suit the oven.

The oven is fired by high pressure gas from multiple burners. An even and regulated pressure of gas is obtained by variable speed control. Ample lighting and inspection doors on the oven enable an easy and constant check to be made of the bread as it passes through the baking chamber. The main drive for the oven is of variable speed and there is an auxiliary attachment for use should there be a power failure.

Another highlight is the employment of a "magic eye". This is an electronic unit which keeps an accurate tally of the loaves passing out of the first "proof" and a photo-electric selector control which is combined in an ingenious "two in one" device. This automatically couples the two 2-lb. loaves and feeds them directly into the final moulder.

Small & Shattell Pty. Ltd. has been established for more than 69 years and in that period has made specially designed baking machinery for manufacturers all over the Commonwealth. For instance, it recently made a large biscuit-making machine for Willeta Pty. Ltd., of Perth. The firm's designed machines have places in biscuit factories in all the capital cities as well as New Zealand, South Africa and India. But it has standard equipment such as biscuit-cutting machines and dough brakes which are widely used.

In this, there is a strong call for precision engineering. For example, the tolerance in the biscutt-cutting "dies" is about one-1,000th part of an inch. The machines operate at the rate of 100 vertical strokes to the minute and can turn out an enormous number of biscuits.

None of the ovens made by the firm are electrically fired. All are for use of gas, coal or other fuel. The company employs more than 50 skilled engineers and other craftsmen but, in common with other industrial organisations, is a victim of the epidemic of shortage of materials and manpower.

#### Contractors' Field Pocket Book

Hints on "Materials Handling"

British Standard Machinery Co. Ltd., Mascot. N.S.W., are maintaining the flow of technical publications which they publish for the benefit of all concerned with the use of earth-moving and industrial equipment.

Latest to reach our bookshelf is the 1951 edition of their "Field Pocket Book", a handbook for contractors, engineers, saw millers, architects and many others. It contains advice regarding the correct equipment for the job in hand, with safe hourly capacities for each item. There are tables containing figures comparing scoops against dozers, showing average yardage with allowances made for up and down grades, angle dozing and so on.

Manufacturers should find much to interest them in the articles on the drawbar power to shift loads, and drawbar power requirements

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on grades. There is also a comprehensive table of nearly 200 types of timber from Alder to Yertchuk, showing degree of hardness, weight per cub, ft., weight per 100 sup, ft., sup, ft. to the ton, and percentage of green moisture content—the figures are repeated for dry weight.

The conversion tables showing weights and measures for commodities are so complete as to compare even garbage wet with garbage dry, concrete pipes, asbestos sheets. The book concludes with some advice on the working of concrete including the use of vibrators.

The Field Pocket Book has been published yearly since 1947 and each edition sees some new data added. The current issue contains new data on timber. Advertising is restricted to objective specifications of the firm's range of equipment.

This is not the only publication which is free to those who apply to the firm's advertising manager. Others' include "Tanksinking", a comprehensive booklet setting out various methods of sinking dams; "Modern Dirt Moving Methods". and "Dozer Operation", this last.

according to Mr. D. M. Barrie, British Standard Machinery's advertising manager, the first of its kind published in Australia.

In addition to these books, the Britstand organisation publishes a bi-monthly magazine called "Earthmoving", which gathers stories of dirt-moving jobs from all over Australia.

Another publication recently to hand from the Company's Induarial Equipment Section from them is a handbook called—"Materials Handling with Fork Lift Trucks and Industrial Tractors". This begins by telling you how to teach your fork lift driver to handle his vehicle and ends by advising on the most economical way of setting out a store. Its 76 pages contain a wealth of information or stacking, the correct placing of pallet loads in the space available, and the best type of pallet to be used for a particular product.

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height:—"The bag should be dropped by two men lifting from all four corners. It should be given a substantial drop so that it lands squarely in position."

The Industrial Equipment Section also has its bi-monthly magazine, "Materials Handling", which reports the material handling methods of many Australian factories in all States. These, and all other publications of the firm, may be had free by addressing a request to the Advertising Manager, British Standard Machinery Co. Ltd., 56 Gardeners Rd., Mascot, N.S.W.

#### He Made His Own Lapping Machine

"Flat lapping" is an engineering term that has strong application to Gravenor Products, 17 Verity Street, Richmond, Victoria, because it is its chief activity.

And in the process of that activity the concern has gained a wide reputation. It is, perhaps, somewhat unique in the industrial world because it possesses a process entirely of its own. And in gaining that process there hangs an intriguing tale.

In 1946, the driving power of the firm, Mr. H. A. Bean, was engaged on the engineering side of refrigeration work. He constantly came in contact with the difficulties experienced by engineers in lapping the valve plates. It took on the average, about eight hours of irksome hand grinding and smoothing to get the

degree of accuracy so essential for the valves.

So Mr. Bean set to work and designed a machine that could do the lapping to a uniformity and to a microscopic degree of accuracy that the human hand could not accomplish. For three and a half years, working in his spare time, he concentrated on his machine and, after many trials and errors, was satisfied he had found the answer to the problem.

And having made the machine he established the company. So successful was the lapping machine that we understood the company has now a large percentage of the steel lapping branch of the industry and turns out valves for refrigeration and all kinds of industries using valves, in an expansive range up to 11 in. x 6 in. Operated by a series of rotating



and osculating discs and using various grinding pastes, the machine can lap steel to the minutest requirement—even down to one two-millionth part of an inch.

But Mr Bean describes the company as "general engineers."

His machine is but a part of the equipment that can handle any work in the engineering field. But it is certainly a tribute to his genius and skill and yet another emphasis on the frequently-repeated fact that the "Australian engineer has few equals in the world."

#### Galvanising Sheet Iron Products

Hor Work But Good Pav

Mr. W. Brown, proprietor of X.L. Galvanizing Works, Bourke Road, Alexandria, N.S.W., is a specialist in galvanizing sheet iron products.

His workshop is kept so busy that he is constantly on the move joining his employees in the effort to speed up production. This interview was obtained jogging alongside Mr. Brown as he hurried, carrying goods from the end of the production line to the stack of finished articles.

The X.L. Galvanising Works subcontracts for the galvanising of goods made from sheet iron—garbage cans, buckets, dippers, downpiping, guttering and so on. The business was established 2 years ago to meet a heavy demand for this type of work and the demand has since increased rather than diminished.

This factory is a proof of the statement that Australia offers incomparable opportunities to the small business man. The works consists of a big yard in one corner on which has been erected an open shed to cover the sulphuric acid bath and furnace-heated, galvanizing dip. It employs about ten men, most of whom have been with the firm since the beginning. The formula for overcoming labour difficulties as given by Mr. Brown:—"Good pay!".

Sub-contracting, as carried out by this workshop, is becoming firmly established as part of Australia's industrial pattern. Labour difficulties are probably the basic reason why large manufacturers find it more convenient and apparently more economical to farm out work to small sub-contractors.

The men working on the galvanizing dip do so under quite unpleasant conditions. It is unbearably hot near the furnace, yet there is practically no labour turn-over because the pay is right.

The large manufacturer is not always able to pay the necessary margin to keep men at an unpleasant job. The working conditions, lunch-rooms, showers and staff amenities are usually superior at large factories but the employer-worker relationship is more remote and concessions cannot be made to one section of the works without breeding discontent in another.

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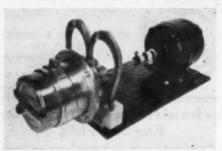
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#### Vibratory Ball Mill for More Efficient Grinding

A vibratory ball mill recently developed rapidly and completely grinds cotton into particles a few microns in length with little or no oxidation change or contamination of the cellulose. Grinding takes place as 3,700 steel balls, colliding over 100,000 times per second, pulverize the material caught between them. As the new mill produces a more uniform powder and

vented from settling to the bottom of the jar, and uniform grinding is obtained.

Motion of the jar is produced by means of horizontal shaft connected at one end, through a flexible coupling, to a 0.25 h.p. motor and at the other end to an
eccentric weight. The weight,
rotating at a speed of 1.800 r.p.m.,
drives the weight housing in a



This vibratory ball mill is expected to prove useful in the grinding and blending of materials. Grinding takes place between the colliding steel balls in the jar at left.

is more efficient and easier to operate than previous devices of this kind, it is expected to find extensive application in the grinding and blending of a variety of substances such as pigments, ceramic materials, metal powders, reeins, and plant and animal tissues.

In the mill, a cylindrical jar suspended by leaf springs and containing steel balls in contact with the material to be ground is awung through a circular path. This excites the steel balls, causing the numerous collisions that grind the materials in the jar. At the same time the jar rotates slowly about its axis. In this way, the material being ground is pre-

circular path that is confined within certain limits by the flexural resistance of the springs. The jar containing the sample is held in a cylindrical holder, which is attached to the weight housing by means of a greased slip ring. A small difference in diameter between the flange of the jar holder and the slip ring groove permits the holder with the clamped-in jar to be rolled around the groove circumference by centrifugal force. This rolling or rotation of the holder and jar, which takes place at a rate of about 4 r.p.m. in a direction opposite to that of the rotating weight, continually redistributes the material being ground.

In experiments, the mill reduced 5 grams of cotton in 30 minutes to particles 10 microns or less in major dimension. X-ray diffraction measurements showed that the cellulose was converted almost completely to the amorphous

form in this time. Except for the decrease in degree of polymerization which resulted from the cutting of the cellulose chains, there was no degraduation of the cotton. Nor was the ash content increased. [2730].

#### Hydraulic Marking and Embossing Press

There has recently been developed the 150-ton hydraulic press, shown in the accompanying illustration, for marking and embossing operations. The daylight provided is 12 in.. the width of the opening 12 in.. and the distance between the frame plates 15 in.

While it is found in marking operations that a stroke of 1 in. is usually sufficient for indenting processes, the machine shown has a stroke of 1 in. which provides a reasonable amount of latitude for adjusting the tools and work. At the same time the opening is insufficient for the operator's fingers to be inserted. The simple construction of the press side plates lends itself to the provision of more or less daylight, according to requirements.

Tests have shown that when working with 1-in. stroke. and allowing 5 seconds for the operator to place the component in position, a speed of nearly 300 pieces per hour can be maintained. When working with a stroke of 1 in. and allowing the same time for loading, the speed attained is 180 components per hour. A simple valve enables the lond exerted by the press to be controlled to whatever value may be required for the particular operation. The control knob for this valve protudes from the pump casing at the side of the press and is reading adjustable without spanners. Any load from zero to the maximum of 180 tons can be exerted.

The press is almost entirely of steel construction, having a rigid double-sided type frame, the parts being flame cut from 1j-in. thick steel plate. Both the cylinder

block and ram are machined from solid steel forgings. The ram, which is bored I in. diameter, is guided in a phosphor-bronze bush and is prevented from rotating by a guide rod sliding in a bush. The ram is down-stroking and the circuit single-acting. A swash-plate



150-ton Hydraulic Marking and Embossing Press.

pump with seated valves, driven direct from an electric motor, delivers high-pressure oil through a simple control valve fitted with a "dead man's handle." As soon as the handle is released, the valve returns to the open position and two helical springs return the ram to its uppermost position.

The oil tank is fitted with an air cleaner, which serves to cover the filler opening, and a filter is provided in the suction line from

the tank to the pump. The whole of the motor and pumping unit, with tank, is enclosed within a with tank, is enclosed within a sheet steel casing at the right-hand side of the press. The loading of 150 tons is obtained at 80 per cent. of full pump pressure. The total height of the press is 6 ft. 21 in., and the floor space occupied is 5 ft. 6 in. by 18 in. [2731].

#### Automatic Packaging of Stockings

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ings into the bag, folds the top of the bag and secures it with a self-adhesive tape so as to pro-duce a package of about 7 x 5 inches. This can be performed at the rate of 20 or 30 packages a minute according to the type of stocking being packed and the stocking being packed and the skill of the operator. The packets are then delivered in piles of six on a slow running belt.

Yet another point of interest is that the method of sealing can be arranged so that handling of stockings after being packed can be allowed for or prevented as required.

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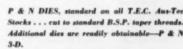
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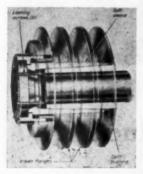
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(Above): The new "Production Centre" of Sargood Gardiner, Limited, at Dec Why, N.S.W. (Right): Guests at the official opening of the new "Centre," Sitting: Measrs, C. J. Bentley, Director; Herbert Taylor, Chairman of Directors; D. H. Sargood, Director; W. F. Horn, President Warringah Shire; and S. R. Hill, Production Manager. Standing at microphone: N.S.W. Minister for Secondary Industries and Building Materials, Hon. W. E. Dickson, M.L.O.

#### New Building Solves Production Problems

No Lack of Staff at Sargood Gardiner's Production Centre, Dee Why, N.S.W.

A newspaper advertisement for staff for Sargood Gardiner's new "Top Dog Men's Wear" Production Centre at Dee Why, N.S.W., brought 400 applicants, it was announced by the firm's director, Mr. C. J. Bentley. He was speaking at the official opening of the building held last month. Those who had inspected the premises could not have been surprised at Mr. Bentley's announcement.

The illustration on this page shows what a handsome building it is. The interior is equally pleasant and has every amenity and comfort for the people who will work there.

The architects, Spencer, Spencer and Bloomfield, made the most of the building site's imposing position. Harmonising with its surroundings the building fulfills the promise made to Warringah Shire Council by the firm's management, that the centre would be a building which would be a credit to the district.

L OCATED at the convergence of three main roads—the main Pittwater Road, which is the direct route to Palm Beach; the Harbord Road to Manly; and the Roseville Road, serving the North Shore and French's Forest areas —the new Sargood Gardiner factory is served by three bus routes. Such ease of transport offers every inducement to staff. That there is no lack of applicants in locations such as this, some distance from the city, is borne out by the response to one advertisement in contrast with the difficulty of obtaining any replies in

This factor is well known by
the Secondary Industries Division
of the N.S.W. Department of
Labour and Industry, which is
vigorously carrying on a campaign
to encourage decentralisation
areas throughout N.S.W., as well
as many of the outlying suburbe
of Sydney.

Plans for this building were approved by Warringah Shire Council on August 5, 1947. A tender for the construction of the building made by William Hughes Pty. Ltd... of Rosebery, N.S.W., was accepted on March 10, 1949. and building operations commenced in April of that year. The building wan designed in six separate sections. The lower ground foor comprises cutting, pressing and mechanical rooms, and garage. Its area is approximately 9,420 sq. ft. On the main ground foor is situated the sewing room with an area of 11,550 sq. ft. It is 154 ft. long and 75 ft. wide without pillar or post. A saw-tooth roof provides matural lighting glass louves along the side walls give operators a clear view of the surrounding countryside, and doors along either side of the building ensure that any breeze will be captured. On the same foor an area of 1,810 sq. ft. has

been allotted for storage receiving

No less than 8,000 aq. ft. of space has been given over to staff amenities. Flanked by a huge bay window, the staff cafetria is complete with a modern kitchen, cool room, store and serving area. Other amenities include rest room, cloak rooms, male and female toilet rooms with hot and cold water connected to showers and hand basins.

Everything possible has been done to provide for the comfort of the staff, as an example—at intervals around the huge work-room, porcelain drinking foun-

room. porcelain drinking fountains have been installed.
With its total area of 33,660 aq.
ft., this building might seem adequate for many years to come.
However, it has been designed for considerable future expansion at a minimum of cost.

The opening ceremony took place in the production room,

where the 400 guests scattered sparsely over its area made it look like a wast oversized ball-room. Mr. C. C. Butt as M.C. introduced Mr. H. Taylor, Chairman of Directors of Sargood Gardiner Ltd. Mr. Taylor expressed his pleasure and pride in welcoming guests to the centre. The building was a sign of progress, he said, and should make an important contribution to the manufacturing activities of New South Wales.

Mr. C. J. Bentley told guests that it was 55 years since he had joined Sargood Gardiner's staff. "I was put to sweeping out offices," he said. "which training, incidentally, I find very useful to-day." Mr. Bentley explained that the opening of the building coincided with the centenary of Sargood Gardiner Ltd., which had been founded in Victoria in 1851 as F. J. Sargood.

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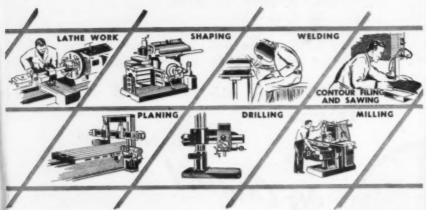
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It was pleasant to note, he added, that a great grandson and a great great grandson of the founder were present. The Board of Directors had asked him to thank the N.S.W. Minister for Secondary Industries and Building Materials (the Hon. W. E. Dickson, M.L.C.) for the unfailing courtesy extended by him and his department. The Board's appreciation was also extended to the President of Warringah Shire (Cr. W. F. Horn) and the Past President and Councillors for their cooperation.

Mr. Bentley concluded his address by congratulating Mr. S. R. Hill, Production Manager, who had supervised the construction of the building from the time the first buildozer had arrived on the site.

The Hon. W. E. Dickson, M.L.C., expressed pleasure in seeing the completion of the structure. He recalled having come to the aite twelve months previously and having felt doubt that production would begin by the beginning of 1851, as Mr. Hill had promised. To have succeeded was a great achievement, he said. The policy of Sargood Gardiner Ltd., in erecting a factory on such modern lines with 25% of the space given to staff amenities should serve as a fine example to other manufacturers. he added. It should assist towards better production, and plans for improvement of the site allowed it to be truly referred to as a garden factory.

Mr. S. R. Hill, in thanking the previous speakers for their kind remarks, said that he considered the Production Centre represented the achievement of an ideal. It was in keeping with his Company's awareness that the term factories was old-fashioned. Factories are bleak places where people go to work. "Production Centre" was a term much more in keeping with what it was hoped to achieve at the building, he concluded.

#### After Business Hours

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The exquisite doils of to-day had their origin in the dim mists of antiquity. For they were known to the children of ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome, some of them with movable legs and arms. Many such specimens have been unearthed at the opening of graves and temples. It has not been demonstrated, however, that they were regarded as toys. For it has been shown that Grecian and Roman girls, who married at the age of twelve or thirteen, dedicated their dolls and dolls' clothes to some goddess on the eve of their marriage. Here is the dedication of a little Greek girl: "Oh, Aphrodite, despise not my doll's little purple neckerchief. I. Sappho, dedicate this preclous gift to you".



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An interesting survival is associated with this migration. By sociated Coast Indians are permitted their aboriginal right to take all the seals they can catch. They must, however, use aboriginal methods, This means going out in a dug-out cance and harpooning the seals with a spear. As may be imagined, canceing forty to fifty miles off-shore on the west coast of British Columbia is full of hazards. The Indians go out, nevertheless, and make a fair catch each season.

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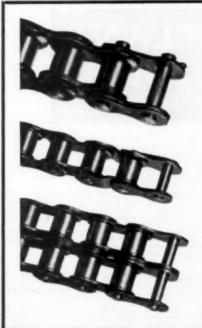
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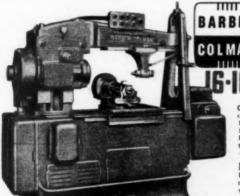
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### **Metal-Cored Plastic Screw**

EVERY once in a while a new application for plastics comes along that involves not just a new product but a new type of use for plastics. In this category falls a new plastic-metal fastener, recently introduced overseas. Plastic screws, as such, have been known for many years, but their uses have been limited by the physical property requirements of industrial applications. What was needed was a screw fastener with the strength characteristics of metal and the electrical, thermal, and chemical properties of plastics. The answer—obvious enough once the details were worked out —is a plastic screw with a metal core.

Overlapping serrations are cut in a metal rod to give an effect somewhat like knurling. A layer of a plastic material is then extruded over the metal rod, the plastic flowing into the serrations and bonding tightly to the metal. This composite plastic-metal rod is then formed and threaded on an automatic screw machine, the threads being cut only in the plastic covering and not extending

through to the metal core. The resulting screw is completely electrically insulated and has the corollary advantages of resistance to shock, vibration, and corrosion.

Mechanical tests made under torque and axial pull, as well as dielectric strength tests, show the plastic-metal screws to have ample physical and dielectric strengths for a wide range of applications. The manufacturer is currently

The manufacturer is currently mass producing the new fastener in four plastics: cellulose acetate, polyethylene. cellulose acetate butyrate, and ethyl cellulose. Other extrudable plastics are produced on special order, and will be mass produced when demand by various industries warrants it.

#### FIELDS OF USE.

Research by the producing company and suggestions from users indicate that the new composite screws have major uses in the electrical and electronic fields, in mechanical components, and in the chemical industry.

When used in electrical component design, the plastic insulated fastener makes possible some entirely new concepts. For example, the insulating boots, washers, tubes, and bushings formerly used to insulate metal sections can be replaced by a single fastener that carries the insulation as an integral part of the screw. Imaginative electrical designers have already taken advantage of this feature to create new electrical components that are smailer, cheaper, and simpler to manufacture and use. Applications in the electrical field extend from simple jacks and relays to complex electronic calculators.

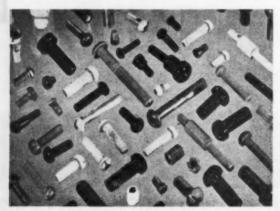
In the design of strictly mechanical parts, the advantages of vibration and shock resistance, as well as the self-locking characteristics of the threads, make this new plastic product the most important recent development in the fastener field. In a sound recording machine produced overseas, for example, screws with a soft flow plastic were chosen to mount components subject to vibration.

The low frequency vibration was eliminated and with it an annoying resonance in the surrounding cabinet. More intense vibrations, inherent in many mechanical components, do not loosen the bond between the plastic threads and the internal threads of a metal nut.

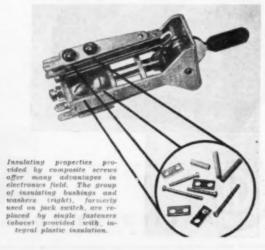
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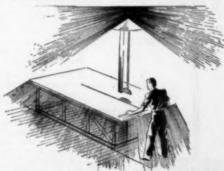
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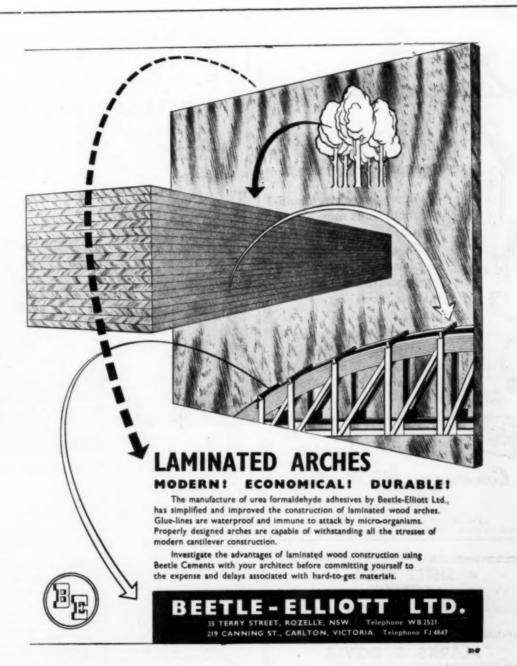
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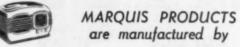
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The torque of driving is applied only to the metal core of screw.

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#### PHENOLIC-IMPREG-NATED FIRE HELMET

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duction time averages three to four helmets per hour, depending on shape In the laboratories named above,

the helmet survived these tests:(1) A 14 lb. weight dropped on

(1) A 14 lb. weight dropped on the crest four times from a height of 12 ft. (2) A 14 lb. weight dropped on the shell four times from a height of 12 ft. (3) A 2 lb. bullet-shaped weight dropped on the shell from a height of 12 ft. (4) A 12 in. square of 1 in. steel plate dropped edgewise across the crest from a height of 12 ft. (5) Subjection to 10,000 volts of electricity





(Left) Helmet being removed from moulding pre-(Lett) Heimet being removed from mounting press. New mounting technique was evolved to protect linen fibres (Bight). Additional plastic is applied to points of greatest stress to prevent breakdown of fibres. This is done just before draw moulding on 460-600 ton press at 360 F. Production averages from 3 to 4 helmets an hour.

the danger which is magnified by the use of metal helmets. Hence, British authorities turned to plas-

tics for an answer.

Designs were obtained from the Department of Scientific and Indus-trial Research and the Fire Service Department of the Home Office, and experimental work was started. Because of its many known advantages, phenolic impregnated linen was selected for the material, but a new moulding technique had to be evolved which would not damage the linen fibres by stretching. This was accomplished by (a) folding the material to the required dimensions without cutting; (b) preforming in a low-temperature press; and draw-moulding to final form in a 400-600 ton press at 360 deg. F. Just prior to the drawing operation, additional plastic material is added at points of greatest stress to prevent breakdown of the fibres during the moulding operation. Profor 1 min., wet and dry. (6) Exposure to a 1 in. Bunsen flame during one complete rotation of the helmet in 40 sec.

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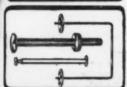
Certain materials were selected by the designer for functional reasons. Specifications called for the bracket arm and body to be made of die-cast aluminium because of the requirement for strength and high heat conductivity. The need for high heat conductivity and shatter resistance Phenolic is also impervious to the insecticide

The phenolic housing was compression moulded in one piece from black phenolic. An interesting feature in the finishing operation of the housing is that a shallow groove is machined to finish the exterior parting line. This lathe operation serves not only to remove the flash, but also to eliminate the properties of th



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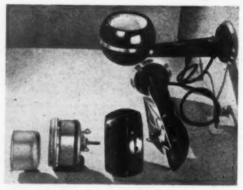
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also dictated the use of anodized deep-drawn aluminium for the cup holding the insecticide.

Moulded phenolic was chosen for the housing because of its high heat insulation as well as its appearance. Heat insulation is an important factor in this unit, because the temperature of the heater body may rise as high as 160° C. yet the temperature of the exterior face of the housing must still remain low enough so that anyone touching it will not be burned. nate the necessity of an expensive buffing operation.

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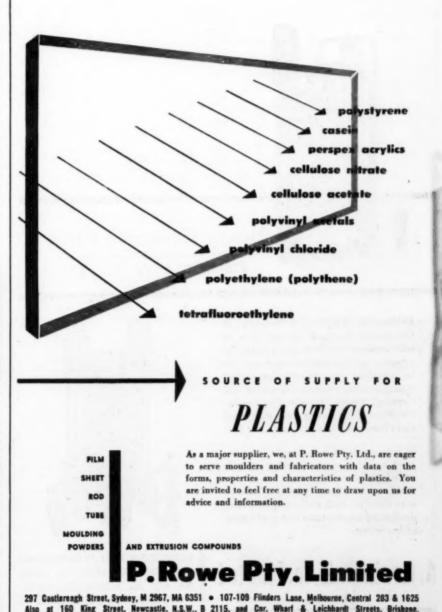
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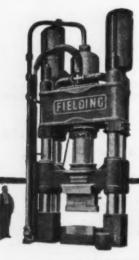


This IBM accounting machine lists 150 lines of information a minute. It contains four control panels precision - moulded of "Bakelite" phenolic plastic.

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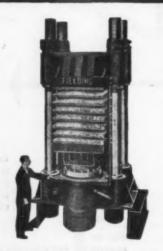


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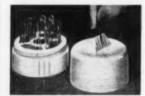
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Permanent magnets in magnetic pin box.

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Moulded plastics drop from the presses with most of their surfaces smooth and glossy, and these surfaces require no more processing. But gates and risers, as well as flash, must be removed before the parts can be sold. If machining is done, the cut surfaces and any edges must also be cleaned up to a finish comparable to that on the raw mouldings. Processing these elements parallels similar operations on metal products.



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Thermosetting plastics produced by transfer moulding, a kind of compression moulding, are formed with gates and risers. These must be removed and the surfaces ex-posed must also be finished. One mould-design problem is to locate the gates and risers so they can be easily removed with a bandsaw or some other easily operated machine.

Parts turned out by conventional compression moulding have flash attached. This can most easily be taken off by tumbling, but it is not always possible. Although many attempts have been made to mechanise flash removal, the common flat file is still the best tool. In the hands of a skilled bench hand, the file will clean effectively and the nie will clean effectively and will not dig into already finished surfaces. Round parts can be chucked or carried on a mandrel so light file pressure will follow the work, despite any eccentricity of the part, to smooth edges down. Tools held rigidly in a toolpost will not usually work because of common unevenness of parts and the difficulty of chucking them exactly on centre.

On the thermoplastic side of the industry, shearing is the most used of removing gates. When method the material breaks under the shear, jewellers' saws can be util-ised. Because of the nature of Because of the nature of thermoplastics, high-temperature machining is not possible, so wet grinding and final polishing must be watched carefully.

Pin-gating, in addition to allowing controlled material injection which produces full moulds with no air bubbles, allows breaking off the gates. Little finishing is necessary.

Carbides are usable on thermo setting plastics, and often produce the best results. Although diamond tools can finish surfaces as smooth as the raw moulded parts, they are tools, and are not all-purpose always best for all cases.

When plastics are moulded, most When plastics are moulded, mos-integral holes have flash across their edges. Economically, the best tool in a rose reamer, which cuts off at a 45 deg. angle. When cuts off at a 45 deg. angle. When sharp edges are desired, drills are used, but this means that the product must be designed so the holes are standard drill sizes.

Drilling side holes which cannot be moulded involves hardened bushings, just as in drilling steel. Tapping is considered difficult because taps wear out quickly, especially in mineral - filled materials. Few materials can be tapped to gauge size: a class 1 fit is almost impossible, 2 is difficult, and 3 is nominally a standard. Because of wide differences in moulding practice and materials, it is always wise to try for size on any machining operation before setting up produc-

Thermoplastics present an alto-gether separate problem. Springback is a common effect in thermo plastics, and it must be allowed for in all machining. Chucked parts will distort in the lathe, and when released will not gauge the same as they did when held. Diamond tools are generally effective, but allowance must be made for springback, even on straight cuts.

If it can be controlled, heated machining has a useful place with thermoplastics - the tool itself is heated. One possibility is cutting off gates with a heated wire.

Odd-shaped holes in both types of plastics can often be best finflash with ished by removing flash with punches. A fixture holding a number of punches of the right size and shape can clean out all holes and slots in one plane at one stroke. It is helpful to have these punches different lengths so they contact the work at different times and stagger the load. Such punches must be loosely located in the fixture to allow for different shrink-

age from part to part.

Because some materials shrink for an appreciable length of time after ejection from the mould, better results will be obtained from any machining if the parts are aged. Where close dimensions are aged. are important, ageing is necessary. Although this practice often involves a number of days, material data sheets cannot allow for all variations of temperature, pressure, pre-heating, and other elements, so ageing should be determined experimentally before a run is started.

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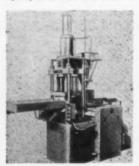
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Conversion of this new moulding press takes only a few seconds.



New type tube cap connector (circle) is continuously insulated.

in. platen area, when using conventional materials; for high-speed alkyd moulding, it has a capacity of \$\frac{24}{2}\$ tons and a fast closing speed of \$240 in. per minute. For protection of the mould, this rate is reduced a split second before the force enters the mould.

#### TUBE CLIP INSULATION

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#### NEW PHENOLIC PLAS-TICS HAVE HIGH IM-PACT STRENGTH.

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high-impact, fabric-filled materials, while the third is a nitrile rubberbearing, wood-flour-filled material.

The two new fabric-filled materials utilize two-step resins, and have improved flow properties and finish and are less critical when electronically preheated. One has an impact strength of 1.4 ft.-lb. per in. on the Isod scale. Its unusually good flow properties allow it to be either compression or plunger moulded. It possesses a balance of regular mechanical properties and good electrical properties for this type material. The second fabric filled compound is similar but has almost double the impact strength (2.2 ft.-lb. per in.). Moulding properties are not appreciably affected.

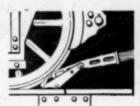
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Because this problem is ever present we naturally attempt to propound solutions. To some, greater production will only come when men commence to work better and, particularly, when there are queues at the gates. To others it is the re-adoption of the 44-hour week. To still more it

will arrive when we can get the unions to agree to financial incentives.

In the introduction to his book, "Greater Production". Walter Scott says that each of these suggested solutions may indeed play some part in greater production, but claims that in each of them there is a certain amount of truth and quite a lot of misconception.

For example, to the suggestion that production would increase greatly if men would only work. Mr. Scott retorts that while this is partly true, it is also true that production would increase greatly if many more managements did their own job better, and he reminds us that Labour will never produce better than Management plans for it to produce.

Many may consider that in this book, dealing with the problems and possibilities of greater production and including a full discussion of incentives, Mr. Scott is too critical of Management. Most readers, however, will agree with one of our better-known industrialists, who said recently that the major enemy of Australian Management is apathy; and they will admit that Walter Scott deals in an unbiassed manner with all aspects of this topical subject. He gives the reasons for present-day restlessness in industry and makes suggestions for future harmony, presenting the case fairly for the employer, the employee and the Trade Union.

The work consists of over 700 pages, and is divided into three parts—Part I. The Problems of Greater Production, deals with the nature of the problem, the position of management, Trade Unions and employees. Part II, The Possibilities of Greater Production, deals with the approach to solutions and greater productivity, the reduction of absenteeiam, labour turnover, strikes and insecurity, and the improvement of methods, industrial relations, public relations and morale. Part III, Financial Incentives, deals with the results achieved by incentive plans, the value of incentives, conditions governing incentive plans, Union hostility to incentives, and suggested patterns for Trade Union agreement.

This book should be in the hands of every serious thinking Australian industrialist. Many of the suggestions contained therein can pay excellent dividends by increasing production and reducing Management's worries.

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In the preparation of this booklet, which bears the authoratitive stamp of the Tin Research Institute, the author has received advice and assistance from friends engaged in the tinplate and packaging industries on both sides of the Atlantic.

It is of interest to note that tinplate production has increased from an annual average of 3.762.000 long tons in 1936-39 to 4.488,000 tons in 1949.

4.488,000 tons in 1998.

This publication, written by W. E. Hoare, B.Sc. (Eng.), F.I.M., A.I.P.E., and published by Tin Research Institute (32 pp.) is available free of charge on application to: Tin Research Institute, Fraser Road, Greenford, Middlesex, England.

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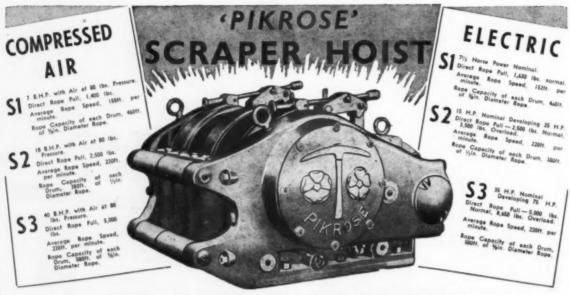
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### Metallurgical Blast Cupola

### New Plant Has Interesting Characteristics

Original conception of the melting unit to be described evolved from a slagging gas producer blown with a high-temperature blast, installed in 1925 by a French technician. This plant operated from 1925 to 1935 and generated 200,000 cu. m. of gas per 24 hours, which was utilized for operating a glass melting turnace. This producer used a fuel with a high ash content which also was ferruginous and it was observed that liquid iron ran at the bottom of the gas producer with the slag. This suggested the idea of adding some steel scrap to the burden of the producer and the result was a production of gas as the main product and of cast iron as a by-product.

BY progressively increasing the additions of metallic charges the plant operated somewhat as a cupola and produced cast iron as the main produced cast iron as the main product and gas as a byproduct. An experimental plant of this kind was erected in a small foundry, and this was followed by a larger plant installed in a scrap dealor's yard.

Immediately after the war all foundries were faced with shortage of pig iron, since blast furnaces were used to make steel-making iron in preference to foundry iron. It was thought that if the plants referred to, when operated by non-foundry technicians, could produce so-called wild" iron, then the plant was susceptible to improvement and modification to give a proper industrial foundry production, and to solve the problem of commercially producting foundry iron which could be cast direct from a steel scrap charge. The iron to be made was for making centrifugally cast iron pipe without any heat treatment before use.

After many months of adjustment and perfecting reports Robert Doat in "The Foundry," the operation of plant which has a capacity of about 5 tons per hour, became an industrial proposition. For more than a year, with a melting unit having a diameter of 850 mm (33.5 in.) between tuyeres, the output of iron for pipe was 1,200 metric tons per month

Plant characteristics are as follows: The cupola is cooled externally by running water and the tuyeres also are water-cooled. The charging door is closed and about 35 per cent. of the gas is passed to the blast heaters; the remainder is available for various requirements in the foundry. The blast is heated by passing through three clusters of tubes heated externally by the stack gases. A dust catcher placed between the cupola and the recuperator retains the larger impurities.

This plant permits production of metals which have very different properties from those of the materials charged, as the latter undergo marked physico-chemical changes. These are due to the following factors:

HAS REDUCING ATMOSPHERE.

The melting zone, confined to a short distance above the tuyeres, constitutes a reducing atmosphere and operates at a very high temperature. The metallic charges reach this zone at a relatively low temperature, are rapidly melted, pass through the reducing zone at a high temperature, and then through a deep and hot slag.

A second important feature is that only the materials charged enter the slag. In a normal cupola the slag reacts but little because of its relatively low temperature. Furthermore, in the new plant, slag dilution by the wall lining does not exist, since the refractory hardly wears. The high temperature attained permits production of certain slags of high melting point which, in a normal cupola, would cause difficulties, such as bridging, etc.

The features referred to previously clearly indicate that with this plant it is possible to undertake metallurgical operations which will finally give any particular iron whose composition is compatible with the slag it passes through according to the laws of chemical equilibrium.

Owing to the reducing atmosphere in the furnace, there are no metallic losses. Careful analyses show that in the slag there is less iron and manganese than is introduced in the coise ash. The problem of silicon loss is a little more complex and will be referred to later.

The iron is obtained at such a high temperature (above 2.732 deg. F.) that it is possible to produce easily from a single mix a series of special irons by appropriate inoculations made at the spout of the cupola or even in a mixing ladle under the cupola spout.

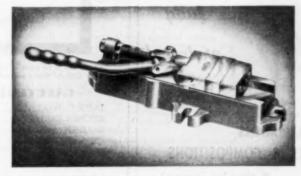
The following advantages relate more particularly to the economies of the process: Low quality coke can be used—that is, high ash or other types—and oxidized metallic materials can be used.

Monthly production capacity ishigh, as no repairs are needed. Economy in both raw materials and labour for repair work is a not inconsiderable factor.

Since the reactions take place at a high temperature, they are much more rapid; consequently the melting unit is quite sensitive to operational phases. Homogeneity of the raw materials charged plays an important part, especially non-metallic materials such as coke ash and limestone. From the economic point of view, it should be pointed out that,

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(Continued from page 59.) while it is possible to do without a man who can block a tap-hole, it is necessary to have a relatively more competent super-visory staff. The plant is markvisory stair. The plant is mark-edly more expensive than an ordi-nary cupola, and it requires the use of a much more important range of control instruments. Briefly, what usually comes under the term of melting costs is higher than in an ordinary cupola.

### MATERIALS CHARGED AND ANALYSES.

Iron ore can only be charged into the cupola after special pre-paration on which tests are now being carried out, and the cheapest raw material is steel scrap.

Carbon can be charged as coke of any type, alone or with an addition of anthracite. By taking into account such factors as blast temperature, quality and quantity of the fuel, and the quantity and composition of the slag, the carbon content can be controlled at will. It is possible to start off with a charge of 100 per cent. steel and produce iron with 4 per cent. carbon. On the other hand, it is also possible, by altering the operating conditions, to produ low-carbon irons from an initial charge of high carbons.

Phosphorus can be introduced either as high-phosphorus cast iron scrap or as phosphates, either nat-ural or in the form of basic slag. It passes completely in the iron.

Silicon is usually introduced as ferrosilicon. Sometimes, however, it is cheaper to add it as high-silicon iron scrap and thus reduce the charge of steel scrap. Sometimes, however,

Usually there is sufficient manganese in the normal charge but, if not, ferromanganese is added.
Sulphur comes from the fuel and the scrap charge; it can easily be reduced by means of a suitable

Using a charge of approxi-mately 170 kg (375 lb.) of coke per metric ton of iron, the production of gas is equal to 100 kg (220 lb.)

of coke per ton. It cannot be be too strongly stresced that the irons made with the metallurgical blast cupola are totally different from those made totally different from those made by the ordinary cupolas, be they hot or cold blast. The fluidity, or cupacity of the metal to fill the mould, is better for any given emperature or composition. Three examples are cited below of the frons made; they are by no means exhaustive.

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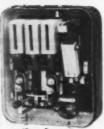
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#### CORROSION RESISTANT METAL UTENSILS FOR HOSPITALS.

The Standards Association of Australia announces the issue of a Specification for Corresion Re. sistant Metal Utensils for Medical and Surgical Use, as Australian Standard No. 10, Part 6, Section 7.

The specification has general clauses dealing with types, materials, manufacture and finish, dimensions, gauges of metal, tolerances, marking and identification. and standard samples.

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Though any suitable corrosion resistant metal may be used under the specification, at present, stainless steel and monel metal are the metals normally used. Notes on care and protection of these two metals from injurious chemical reagents met with in hospital practice are provided in an appendix for general guidance.

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The speakers and their subjects are:—

Mr. Alvin E. Dodd, Honorary President, American Management Association—"At What Should Management Aim"?

Miss Betty Sharp, Deputy Director, Institute of Personnel Management, England—"Management Objectives—Good Personnel Policy".

Mr. R. G. Menzies, Frime Minister of Australia—"The Rapidly Expanding Field of Administra-

Professor Marcus Oliphant, Director of School of Physical Science, Australian National University— "Administration of Scientific Research"

Mr. Dodd was vice-president of the American Management Association from 1934 until 1935 when he became president. In 1948 he was appointed honorary president. He was responsible for building A.M.A. up to the vital force it now is for shaping management, thought and standards. Mr. Dodd has been brought to Australia at the invitation of the Commonwealth Government to pass on to Australian industry some of the secrets of America's great productivity.

Miss E. B. Sharp, O.B.E., served ten years as secretary to the Institute of Personnel Management, England, before taking up her present appointment. During that time the membership of the Institute was quadrupled and Miss Sharp played a large part in the expansion and in coping with the many problems of the post-war period. Since last April she has

toured extensively in the United States, Canada and New Zealand.

"Targets for Management" is the general theme of the Conference. Problems of administration in both public and private fields of enterprise will receive particular study.

This will be the tenth one-day Top Management Conference arranged by the Institute. It will be held in the Union Theatre, University of Melbourne, and will comprise a morning session commencing at 2.30, luncheon and afternoon session.

### DUTY LIFTED ON STEEL PRODUCTS.

The Federal Government has decided to allow the admittance to Australia free of duty of a number of items shipped before June 30 next.

The Minister for Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) said this recently.

He said the concession had been made with the concurrence of the British Government.

The items are: Barbed wire, gas and water piping (otherwise classifiable under tariff items 152 (A) or 152 (B) (2)), iron and steel angles, rods, bars, beams, channels, joists, girders and rolled section tess (whether further fabricated or not), iron and steel plates and sheets other than stainless steel plates and sheets, iron and steel wire, including fencing wire, and wire netting.

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### PATENT SPECIFICATIONS ACCEPTED

COUPLINGS FOR FLEXIBLE HOSE. 138,567,—J. H. Millar.

A hose coupling in which an end load carrier is arranged around the insert or spigot and within a bared end portion of the reinforcement of the hose and grips this bared end portion against the outer sleeve or ferrule

#### DRIVE MODULATING MECH-ANISM.

138,696.—H. Auger.

Drive modulating mechanism for moving a load from one position of rest to another such position comprising a mobile member adapted to be connected to the load and also to a fixed anchor by means permitting translatory movement of the mobile member relatively both to the load and to the anchor, a coupling constituting one of such connections being constrained to follow a curved path on the mobile member start-

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#### ANTI-SHRINKING TREAT-MENT OF WOOL.

138,000.—M. Harris, A. M. Sookne, L. E. Fourt, C. Harris, formerly trading as Milton Harris Associates.

A method of treating woollen materials which comprises contacting the material with an alkaline hypochlorite solution containing from about 1% to about 6% available chlorine for a period of from about one to about sixty seconds and immediately thereafter eliminating the hypochlorite from the material.

#### SCREW DRIVER WITH INERTIA MEMBER.

138,608.—S. Skamser. A screw driver, including an

A screw driver, including an inertia member mounted with a driving connection on the shank

and adapted to be slidably ad-

The method of forming a screw driver blade for a screw driver having an inertia member to which high torque may be applied, including the steps of forging one end of a rod of hot rolled steel between tapered surfaces so that a fan-shaped fibre structure is obtained, and trimming the fan-shaped forging to give a screw driver blade that is narrower at its tip than at the part adjoining the shank.

#### HEAVY DUTY GEAR BOX. 138,701.—Transport Equipment Co. (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.

A heavy duty gear box consisting of a drive transmission shaft mounted for rotation in bearings within an enclosing casing from which the outer or upper end of said shaft extends and is adapted to receive a drive gear thereon or to be otherwise connected to an article to be driven; a worm wheel on said drive transmission on a worm shaft meshing with a worm pinion on a worm shaft mounted for rotation across said casing; a drive devices such as a gear, pulley or the like affixed to said worm shaft on either side of the said

a power shaft worm pinion: driven from a power unit or the like and also mounted for rotation in said casing alongside said worm shaft: a drive device such as a gear, pulley or the like rotatably freely mounted on said power shaft opposite each of the said drive devices on the said worm shaft and drive connected therewith; and a pair of clutch devices mounted on said power shaft one alongside each of the rotatably alongside each of the rotatably free drive devices adapted to engage the related drive device with the said power shaft, such clutch devices having connection to common operating means, the arrangement being such that they are alternately engaged or disen-gaged as and for the purpose herein set forth.

Explanatory Note Only: The invention has been devised to provide apparatus which is of sturdy and efficient form adapted to take great reverse or forward load impact, is simple and easy to operate, and is completely enclosed, and wherein driving movements in

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either direction, that is "clockwise" or "anti-clockwise", can be readily obtained.

#### ROTARY BROADCASTER. 188,700.—G. O. Hoffstetter.

The combination with a rotary broadcaster of a shield spaced about said broadcaster, means supporting said shield, said shield including a plurality of angularly related plates, and said supporting means including means for adjusting the angular relation of said plates to the vertical to thereby regulate the lateral discharge, of the material.

#### FLY-HOOK HOLDER. 138,704.—W. T. Neiman.

A holder for a fish fly-hook, comprising a member having a hook-receiving slot and a spring, formed from flat metal, mounted on the said member with one end portion of the spring disposed within the said slot so that it bears resiliently against one face of the slot, the arrangement being that a hard metal portion of a fish hook can be inserted between the said spring and the

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said face of the slot, the said face of the slot being of a material slightly softer than the said hard metal portion of the fish hook, whereby the fish hook will be retained between the apring and the

said face of the slot.

A holder, in which the material slightly softer than the hard metal portion of the fish hook to be held, is a polymerised resinous plastics material.

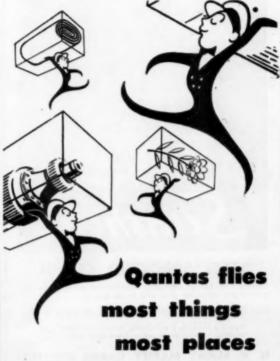
#### MOULDABLE COMPOSITIONS AND CORES, 188,705.—Amalgamated Wireless (A/asia) Ltd.

A core composition comprising a filer and a binder, asid binder containing a thermo-setting resin and a member of the group consisting of alkylene glycols, substituted alkylene glycols, polyalkylene glycols said compositions having been compressed into a rigid body and subjected to heating sufficient to harden the composition.

A magnetic core composition comprising a sub-divided ferromagnetic material, a binder containing a thermo-setting resin, and a member of the group consisting of alkylene glycols, substituted alkylene glycols, and polyalkylene glycols, and polyalkylene glycols.

TENTER CLIPS. 138,544.—J. Dungler.

A tenter clip for treating fabrics, comprising a plurality of bars forming a base member and in parallel spaced apart relation perpendicular to the location of the solvage of the fabric to be treated, the upper surface of said bars being substantially conver shaped, a body member, a shaft carried by said body member and disposed parallel to the selvage of the fabric, a faller rotatably mounted on said shaft and having a plurality of teeth, said teeth being in alignment with said bars and having convex shaped and surfaces for coaction with said first mentioned convex surfaces of said bars, whereby the contact between said



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or the like.

TRAILING AXLE SUSPENSION. 138,546.—Transport Equipment Co. (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.

Suspension means for the attachment of trailing axles to road vehicles consisting of a pair of rocker arms one of which is adapted to be fitted on either side of the road vehicle behind the driving axle of said vehicle, such rocker arms being each pivotally mounted between their ends in or on a frame bracket affixed at each side of said vehicle, each said rocker arm being connected at its inner end to the rear and free end of the related side rear spring of the said vehicle, while the other and rear end of each said rocker arm is

formed as a housing to receive a bearing block assembly therein in a rearwardly removable manner, such bearing block assemblies being adapted to mount a trailing axle therein, and a removable bridge plate fitted to said housing to fasten the said bearing assem-

VEHICLE FOR HANDLING DRY CEMENT.

138,547.—Transport Equipment Co. (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.

A vehicle for hauling and discharging dry cement and the like, comprising a body mounted on a chassis provided with wheels, such body having one or more filling openings furnished with closure means, and formed to precipitate and feed the contained material towards the tion thereof; one or more troughs positioned in the bottom body and extending longitudinally thereof; discharge means consisting of a worm or feed screw mounted in each trough and carried on a shaft set in bearings and arranged to feed the said material from one end of said body to one or more discharge outlets at the other end thereof; drive means at the non-discharge end of said shaft connecting with a power drive; and a valve associated with sa control said discharge outlet or outlets for closing and regulating the extent of discharge



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#### MOBILE SPRINKLER SUPPORT. 138,552.—R. Turnbull, Vic.

In a mobile support for lawn or garden sprays, the combination with water supply and spray fit-ting of a base plate, divergent arms extending therefrom, an axle secured in the said arms, a roller on each end of axle, a transverse bar, brackets pivotally secured rollers mounted in the said bruc-

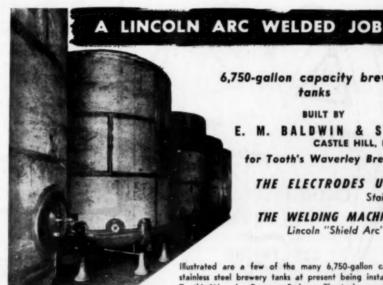
### MACHINE FOR SHOE-UPPER CONFORMING. 138,554.—The British United Shoe Machinery Co. of Australia Pty. Ltd.

A machine wherein there is provided a work-positioning device arranged to be engaged by work placed upon said work-supporting device as the work is initially offered to the machine and thereby to locate the work in appropriate position for action thereon by the wipers, said work-positioning debeing arranged to retain its locating engagement with work until the relative movement between the wipers and the work-supporting device in a direc-tion heightwise of the shoe takes

#### LIQUID DISPENSING APPARATUS. 138,555.—Associated Motorists Petrol Co. Ltd.

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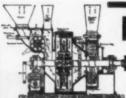
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to atmosphere, adapted to be placed in communication with the air transfer pipe, said further chamber containing a Venturi arrangement, and a non-return vaive, and means on said head for operating the vaive of the liquid outlet and the air admission control valve.

#### TOY-CALCULATING DEVICE. 138,556.—E. E. Keegan.

A toy calculating device comprising a system of links two of which are movable to different numbered positions in or on a slot or guide, the system being such that, for every different position of one or both of the said two links relative to the slot or guide, a point of one of the links of the system, or an extension of the said links, occupies a different position, the different positions of the said point being identified by numerals indicating an arithmetic relationship between the numbers of the positions of the said two links.

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peripheral region of the diaphragm, a gasket located between the spacer ring and support, means for drawing the flanged ring against the support to compress the diaphragm, spacer ring and gasket between the flange and support thereby to effect a fluid-tight seal between the outer peripheral region of the diaphragm and support, and means for compressing the inner peripheral region against the washer to effect a fluid-tight seal between the washer and diaphragm.

#### STACKING BALED HAY. 187,700.—B. H. Brinkworth, N.Z.

An apparatus for use when loading and stacking baled hay and the like, comprises the combination, with a motor vehicle of a power operated endless belt conveyor hingedly mounted in a framing on the vehicle, so that its free end will extend outwardly from the vehicle, hand operated winch means with shaft and handle, is work cable enabling the conveyor to be lowered to rest on the ground or to be raised to an elevated position and means such as pick-up shoe and cable associated with the front end of the conveyor to engage and pick-up a bale and move it onto the conveyor.

#### WIND-DRIVEN GENERATOR.

188,798.—W. B. Arbuthnot. A wind-driven electricity generating apparatus, comprising an upright tubular mast, an electric generator rotatably supported upon the mast and operable by a wind-actuated propellor, adjustable control means for angularly moving the electric generator and propellor in response to wind action and adapted in an operative position to maintain the propellor in the driving position and



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#### CALCINING LIME-BEARING SLUDGES. 138.706.—The Dorr Co.

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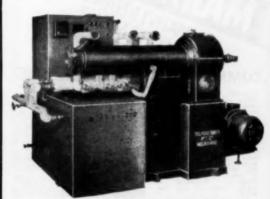
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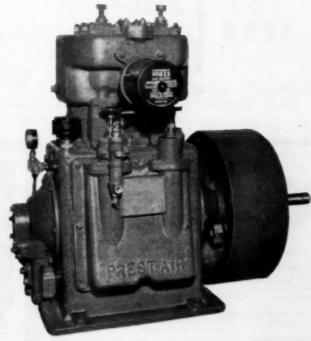
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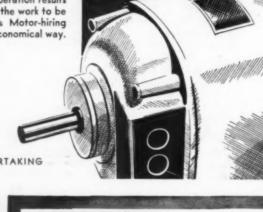
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(Continued from page 75.) Drugs, Repat. Hospital, Green-slopes, £2,000, Out-Patient Dept., Taylors, Elliotts Pty. Ltd., 1950.

Biscuits, Repat. Hospital, Holly-wood. Mills and Ware Pty. Ltd., £233/15/

Cereals, Repat Hospital, Holly-rood. Purina Grain Foods, £80/

#### DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND HOUSING

Diesel Alternator, 150 K.V.A., for Lady Davidson Home, Turra-murra. Mitchell & Co. Pty. Ltd., £6.820.

Paint Materials, for Carnarvo Whaling Station. Sterling Paint & Varnish (S.A.) Ltd., £520/0/4.

Kitchen Equipment, for H.M.A.S. Leeuwin. British General Electric

Co. Pty. Ltd., £729/10/-. Steel Tower-100 ft., for Adele

Steel Tower—100 R., for Addet Island. Forwood Down (W.A.) Pty. Ltd., £2,900. Mantic Tiles, Semiex, 3/6 inch thickness, for Telopea Park School Dunlop Rubber (Aust.) Ltd., £706/8/-

#### POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Bedsteads, for Darwin. Furnishing Co., £1,435. Transformers, for tralians' Hosteis, S New

ing Equipment Ltd., £3,743/18/9. (A/sin.) Pty.

Transformers, for New Australians' Hostels. Tyree Electrical Co 4920/2/9

Air Conditioning Plant, for Nowra. Stuart Walker & Co. Pty. Ltd., £2,549.

Steam Piping, for Canherra (A.C.T.). Stewarts & Lloyds Stewarts (A.C.T.). Stewarts & Lloyds (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., £3,343/15/-. Compressed Air System, for Finsbury. J. A. Hoskins & Son,

£442. Cabinet Refrigerator, for Cur derdin Migranta Centre, A. J.

Furniture, for Midland Junction.
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## DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL

Radio Transmitters—Collins (2).
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## **NEW TENDERS**

The following tenders have been called since our last issue. Current tenders which have been published in previous issues follow this section.

#### COMMONWBALTH

#### AUSTRALIAN ALUMINIUM PRODUCTION COMMISSION.

Copper Strip, various sizes, approx. II ton (Spec. E.37). April

Roll Crusher and Plate Feeder (46 ton per hour), for Coal (Spec. M.46). April 2.

Special Duty Pumps and Priming Ejectors (2), 1,500-gallon, for Ash Sluicing (Spec. M.45). April

#### DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND HOUSING.

Economiser, Grit Arrestor, In-duced Fan and Associated Flues, Dampers, etc., for Ballarat. March

Steel Roller Shutters (24), for Marrickville (Quot. 316). March 1.

Ventilating Units, Supply and astallation, for various Locali-Installation, ties. March 6.

DEPARTMENT.

Axlebox Brasses. March 6. Transformers, March 13

#### POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Accumulator Plates and Separators (Sch. C.6523). March 15 Jugs, Mild Steel Plate (Sch. C.-

M.F. Broades 6513). March 15.
M.F. Broadcasting Transmit-ters and Associated Equipment (Sch. C.6598). May 3.
Printed Forms, P.P. Series (Sch.

C.6529). March 15. Printed Publicity Matter (Sch. C.6526). March 8.

## SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION.

Lathe Swing, Silding, Surfac-ing and Screwcutting, 12 in. (Spec. 215). March 2.

Shaping Machine, 18 in., complete with Electric Motor and Drive (Spec. 217). March 2.

Universal Milling Machine, com-plete with Accessory Equipment (Spec. 216). March 2. Vertical Air-Conditioner (Spec. 210). March 2.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

DEPARTMENT.
Crane, 21 ton, with Electric
Winch (Spec. CE-10,181). March

Diesel or Petrol Over..... Loaders, Crawler Mounted, cap. hucket approx. 2 cub. yd. (Spec. CE-2657). March 21.

Diesel Truck Type Mobile Cranes, 6-ton and 10-ton (Spec. Nos. CE-2667 and CE-2668). March Mobile

Diesel Mobile Cranes, 7-ton, with Caterpillar Tracks (Spec. 2669). March 21. Electric Hoist Block, I ton (Spec.

CE-10,182). March 10. Front End Loaders, Petrol or Diesel, bucket cap., ‡ (Spec. CE-2656). March cub. yd.

March 21. (Spec. CE-2658). March 21.
Mobile Crane—Diesel - Electric. Petrol - Electric or Straight Diesel.

cap. 6 tons up to 8 ft. (Spec. CE-2854). March 13. Overhead Loaders, Diesel or Petrol, with Pneumatic Tyres, cap. bucket approx. 2 cub, yd. (Spec. CE-2856). March 21. Steel (Sch. 22). Annual Supply

from 1st July, 1951, to 30th June, 1962. Extended to March 7.

#### DEPARTMENT OF MAIN BOADS.

Concrete Mixers. Feb. 27. Feb. 27 Jeep-Type Trailers. Feb. 27. Pressure Water Tanks. Feb. 27. Protection Angles. Feb. 27.

#### METROPOLITAN WATER, SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE BOARD.

Concrete Mixers (20), 31 cub. ft. wet cap., pneumatic-tyred, trailer-

type, and 3 spare engines (P.T. 393). April 17.

Concrete Mixers (8), 15 cub. ft. wet cap, 5 fitted with Diesel Engines, and 8 with electric motors, and supply of 1 spare electric motor and 1 spare Diesel engine (P.T. 399). April

#### DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY. Aluminium Alloy Sheet. March

Earthenware Mugs, 100,000

March 9. Regimental Hubs, Buttons and Badges. Feb. 27.

Rotary Hoe, 36 in. Feb. 27. Soil Stabiliser | Equipment. Feb. 27. Machine and

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Chemical Feeders (3). March 9. Circular Saw and Bench. March

Food Slicer, Elect. Driven. Feb.

Food Mixing Machine, Elect. Feb. 28.

Food Trolley, Elect. Heated. March 2.

Gas Oxygen Anaesthetic Machine. March 2. Lightning Arresters. March 2.

Sterilising Equipment, Elect. Heated. March 2.

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#### NEW TENDERS - Contd.

Welding and Cutting Plant (Comweld or Sim.); Cutting Blow Pipe. March 7.

#### STATE CONTRACTS CONTROL BOARD.

Elect, Light Fittings and Giassare. Feb. 27. Handles. March 6. ware. Incinerators. March 6.
Microscopes. Feb. 27.
Scientific Apparatus. Feb. 27.
Steel Cabinets. Feb. 27.
Steel Tables. Feb. 27.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Centrifugal Pumping Plants, Electrically Driven (2), (Contract W-18), for Shire of Shoalhaven. March 26.

Motor Lorry, 5-ton, Petrol Engine, fitted with 6 cub. yd. Tip-Engine, fitted with 6 cub. yd. Tipping Body with Underbody Holst; Crawler Tractor, 22-h.p., fitted with Hydraulically Operated Angle-dozer Biade; Motor Lorry, 5-ton, fitted with Garbage Body of 2 cub. yd. cap., with Underbody Hoist; Motor Garbage Vehicle fitted with Closed Type Self-Loading Garbage Body, for Municipality of Botany. March 9.

#### . + SEE ALSO + + "LATE OPEN TENDERS"

Wheel Type Tractor, fitted with Front-End Loader, with bucket of i cub. yd, cap., for Municipality of March 5

#### VICTORIA

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY. Cork Slabs. Feb. 27. Manchester Items. Feb. 27. Mirrors. Feb. 27.

#### GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS DEPARTMENT

Back Stripping Machine. April 11

Copper Cable, 22KV. Feb. 28.

Foot Warmers. Feb. 28. Fork Lift Trucks (Contract 58,687). March 28.

Power Proof Press, Hand-fed. April 11.

Sand Papering Machine, Triple Drum. March 28.

Universal Saw Trimmer (Contract 58,704). April 11,

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Plan Copying and Developing Equipment. Feb. 27.

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#### NEW TENDERS - Contd.

#### STATE ELECTRICITY COM-MISSION.

Aluminium Alioy Suspension Clamps and Saddles, Cast or Forged (Spec. 50-51/259). March

Chemical Injection—High Pres-sure Drain, Blow Down, and Master Pressure Gauge Piping and

Master Fressure Gauge Piping and Accessory Equipment (Spec. 50-51/230). April 4. Current Limiting Reactors (Spec. 50-51/270). April 18. Electrical Indicating and Re-cording Instruments. Switchboard-type (Spec. 50-51/260). April 18.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Tractor, Pneumatic-tyred, Petroi or Kerosene; Mower Attachment; Rotary Hoe Attachment; Set of Harrows (Tandem Disc), for Shire of Alberton. March 5.

#### **CURRENT TENDERS**

The following tenders have appeared in previous issues and are still current.

#### COMMONWEALTH

#### POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Communication System between Sydney and Melbourne (Spec. C.-F.M. Badio Link Equipment, Portable (Sch. C.6494). March 6. Labels, for Mail Bags (Sch. C.-

505). March 6. Light and Power Material (Sch.

C.6506). Feb. 27.
Mechanics' Tools, Hammers,
Pilos. Hacksaws, Drills, etc. (Sch.
C.6496). Mar. 1.

Mirrors and Cases, for Cable Jointers (Sch. C.6514). March 1. Outdoor Distributing Wire. (Sch. C.6491). Extended to March 1.

Physical Programme Equipment (8ch. C.6495). Line

Relays, 3000 Type (Sch. C.6490). April 8.

Tools, Leadworking and Measuring, etc. (Sch. C.6512). April 3.

### AUSTRALIAN ALUMINIUM PRODUCTION COMMISSION.

Air Compressors (2), 500 C.F.M., and One Diesel Engine (Spec. M.40). Feb. 26.

Coke Calciners, Rotary 15-ten-per day (M.35). Extended to Feb. 26.

Galvanised Steel Framed Windows and Louvres, etc. (Spec. C.-19). March 12. Gear Boxes (1921), Bevel Gears (1,168), Ball Bearing Fedestals (1,168), C.I. Rope Sheaves, Shafting, etc. (730), for use as Anode Suspension Gear (Spec. M.41). Feb. 26. Suspens Feb. 26.

Laboratory Equipment, including 1-i ton Crusher, 3 only Vacuum Pumps, Furnace, Copper Flasks, Aperiodic Reflecting Balance, and Miscellaneous Items (Spec. M.44).

Miscellaneous Items (Spec. M.41). March 12. Rotary Screen (9 ft. x 4 ft. dia.), for Alumina (Spec. M.42). Feb. 28. Worm Conveyor, for Alumina, 15 in, dia., 15 ft. long, Ribbon Type, Water Jacksted (2) (Spec. M.43). Feb. 26.

#### DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION.

Constant Current Regulati Static Core Type (Sch. 324). March

Stretchers, Robertson Type (Sch. 329). March

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#### CURRENT TENDERS - contd.

SYDNEY

Insulated Copper Winding, Re-sistance and Fuse Wires (Sch. 326). April 3.

Mobile Elevating Platform rucks (Sch. 328). Extended to Platform March 6.

Underground Cable, 1,000 Voit Grade (Sch. 325), Feb. 27.

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY. Universal Testing Machine and Equipment. Feb. 27.

DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND HOUSING.

Bedside Rugs. Feb. 27. Diesel Alternator Sets, 40 KW and 50 KW, Supply and installation. Feb. 27.

Pre-assembled Wiring Units (500), for Prefabricated Houses, Canberra. March 6.

Bain Maries and Hot Presses (2), for Flinders. Feb. 27. Set of Duplex Dry Basin Type Sewage Ejector Pump, for Dande-

Feb. 27. nong. Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Sys-tem, Automatic, for P.M.G. Car-penters' Workshop, at Adelaide. March 6.

Switchgear-11 K.V. for Power Station, Canberra. Mar. 13.

#### STATES

#### NEW SOUTH WALES

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS DEPARTMENT.

Centre Lathes, Centre Height 8] in. to 9 in. Sliding, Surfacing and Screw-cutting Type (CE-10139). April 2.

Circuit Breakers — High-speed, 1500-volt, Complete with Control Equipment, for Western Main Line. (Spec. 1284). Supply of 165. Mar.

Electric Concrete Mixers, 1 cub. (CE-10155). April 3.

Electric Overhead Travelling Crane (100-ton), for Main Workshop at Strathfield. March 28.

Heavy Chemicals (Sch. 46A); Firebricks and Clay, for Locomo-tives and Workshops (Sch. 53; Firebricks, for Power Stations (Sch. 53A), Annual Supply from

1st July, 1951, to 30th June, 1952,

Closes Feb. 28.
Insulators, Cylindrical, Pedestal
or Post Type, for 68-KV Outdoor
Circuits (List CE-10,062). Feb. 28.

Locomotive Boilers, C.36/35 (25), Working Pressure, 200 lbs. per sq. in. (Spec. 2217). Extended to Feb.

Shaping Machine, 24 in. stroke, duty, with motor and drive (CE-10108).

Steam Pipes and Headers for Lake Macquarie Power Station (Spec. 1280). Extended to March

Supervisory Control Equipment, for Western Line Electrification (Spec. 1283). April 11. Switchgear, Compound - filled, 11,000 Volt., for Martin Place Sub-station (Spec. 1285). March

28.
Tools—Axes, Hammers, Vices, etc. (Sch. 5); Shovels, Forks and Spades (Sch. 5a); Twist Drills (Sch. 15); Files (Sch. 16); Heavy Chemicals (Sch. 46a); Firebricks and Clay, for Locomotives and Workshops (Sch. 53); Firebricks, for Power Stations (Sch. 53a), Sch. 53a), Annual supply from 1st July, 1951, to 30th June, 1932. Closes For to 30th June, 1952. Closes Feb.

Waste Making Machine, suitable for Teasing Washed Cotton Waste (CE-10,010). Feb. 27.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

WORKS. Cafe Unit; Sink Heater; Multi-point Heaters (all gas heated).

Water Pumping Plant. Cold March 7.

Electrically - driven Sewage Pumping Plant, for Hay Sewerage Augmentation (Spec. 45-50/51). March 18

Heating and Domestic Hotwater Systems, for Berrima Dis-trict Hospital. Feb. 26.

Overhead Travelling Crane, (1) ton). Feb. 28. Photo-Electric Control Belays.

March 14

March 7.

Recirculating Pump, Electrically Driven. March 7.

Septle Tank Effluent Pump. March 7.

Steam Raising Equipment, Stack and Auxiliaries, for Cooma District Hospital. Feb. 26. Storage Cabinet, Ice Cream.

March 7 Water Softener. Feb. 28.

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#### CURRENT TENDERS - contd.

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY. Control Set, for Vortex Tunnels. March 8.

Fork Lift Trucks (12). Feb. 27. Fork Lift Trucks (3). March 6. General Purpose Vessel (71 ft.), Purchase of, from Garden Island. March 1

Locks and Keys. Feb. 27 M/T Wheel Equipment. Feb. 27. Motor Launch, 37 ft., Purchase of, from Bushcutters Bay. March

Switchboards, for Power Plant.

#### METROPOLITAN WATER, SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE BOARD.

Concrete Buckets (6) of rated capacity at least 4 cub. yds. (P.T.-392). March 6.

Horizontal Spindle Centrifugal Type Sewage Pumping Units, Elec-Driven trically (2), (Contract 2973). April 10.

M. S. Plates—approx. 530 tons and 25 tons of Structural Steel Sections (Job 2465). Extended to March 6

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#### STATE CONTRACTS CONTROL BOARD.

Draftsmen's and Instruments, Feb. 27 Surveyor's Electric Cables, Wire and Flex, Radio Parts. Feb. 28. Induction Regulator. March 2.

SYDNEY COUNTY COUNCIL. Aerial Service Cable during period 1st July, 1951, to 30th June, 1962 (Spec. 1510). March 15.

Base Exchange Raw Water Softener, for Evaporator Plant, Bunnerong "B" Power Station Bunnerong "B" Power (Spec. 1528). March 15.

Hard Drawn Bare Copper Cable and Copper Wires during period 1st July, 1951, to 30th June, 1952. March 15.

Mobile Testing Equipment, Highvoltage (Spec. 1524). April 19 Overhead Transmission (132,000 Volt.), Lugarno to Home

bush (Spec. 1493). March 15. Relays and Associated Equ ment, for Bushar Protection Equip-Homebush Sub-station 1522). April 26. (Spec.

Rubber Insulated Cables during the period 1st July, 1951, to 30th June, 1962 (Spec, 1509). March 15.

Switchboards, Low Voltage, and Sub-station Service Panels, for Sub-stations (Spec. 1515). March

Transformer Winding Tempera-ture Indicators (Spec. 1519). April

Turbine Diaphragms, for Bun-nerong "A" Power Station (Spec. 1529). March 15.

Turbine Blading, for Pyrmont "A" Power Station (Spec. 1530). March 15.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Air Compressor, capable of operating one Jackhammer; Small Tractor, about 8 to 15 H.P., fitted with Dozer Blade: Four-herth Caravans (2), for Shire of Abercrombie. March 5.

Light Crawler Tractor, with Angle Dozer Equipment, for Municipality of Lane Cove. March

Metal-clad Switchgear, Tension, for Municipality Manly. April 23.

Transformer, 780 K.V.A., 83/11 K.V., three-phase, for Bega Valley County Council. March 12.

#### VICTORIA

#### GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS DEPARTMENT

Diesel Travelling Cranes, 10-ton 58.665). March 7. Electric Signal Lamps. March

Front End Londer (Contract 58688). March 14.

Uniform Buttons, Linings, Uniform Buttons, Linings, etc.; Serge, Twill, etc.; Uniform Cloth-ing; Khaki and Navy Blue Drill Tunics; Antimony, Lead, etc.; Brass Products; Copper Products; Malleable Iron Castings; Carbon Steel Castings; Steel Tyres; Auto-matic Couplers and Parts; Friction Draft Gears; Rolled Steel; Explorian Gears; Roused Steel; Explo-sives; Tin Plate; Brake Hose Pipes; India-rubber Hose; Rubber Belting; India-rubber Goods, var-Betting; India-runder Goods, various; Packing; Sieel Bails and Fish Plates; Enamelled Station Nameplates; Westinghouse Brake Parts, two years' supply from 1,7/51 to 30/6/58. Closes Feb. 28.

Steel Tool Boxes. Feb. 28. Utility Truck, Boad Motor (Con-ract 58691). March 7. tract 58691).

### DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY.

Portable Ventilating Fans. March 1.

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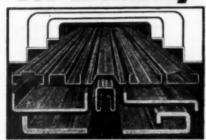
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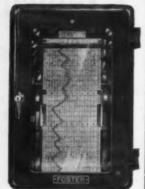
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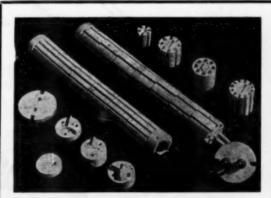
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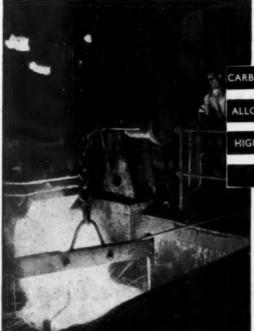








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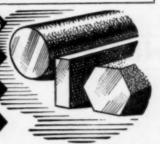
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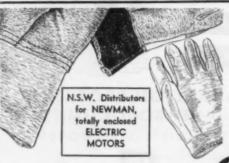
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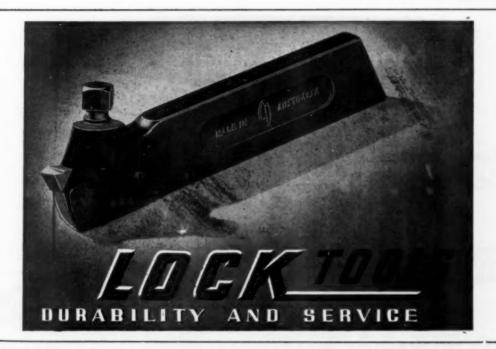
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